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HPC/low-level Software Engineer





#### Professional Profile

Experienced HPC and low-level C/C++ software engineer with expertise in Operating System internals, Microcontroller firmware, and Compiler design / implementation. Highly motivated, fast learner. Enjoys the development of complex software systems where efficiency matters.

## Languages

Spanish Native

English C1

German A1

French A1

#### </> | Skills

Compiler Design / LLVM / clang

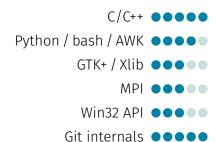
Debugging (gdb, lldb) / Reverse Engineering

OS Architecture / Linux kernel

Embedded / Microcontroller-based Systems

Software and Network Security / TCP/IP stack

Technical Writing / Presentation



## Experience

2024-

Senior Compiler Engineer, Zimperium, Inc.

Part of the engineering team of a solution for binary (AArch64) software protection. Top achievements:

- o Contributed a number of analyses (e.g. tagging based on use stack/frame pointer) and obfuscation passes.
- O Designed and implemented generator of unwind information / LSDA from the IR.
- Pushed through protection of (1) well-known open-source applications; and (2) self-protection.
- O Participated in work for 2 patents in the area of software protection / integrity.
- O Authored 110+ merged pull requests and 250+ code reviews. Fixed critical issues in several components.

2025-

**Vocal in CTN–UNE 71/SC22/GT21 (C++)**, *UNE (Asociación Española de Normalización)* 

Vocal in the CTN-UNE 71/SC22/GT21 (C++) national committee, w/ representation in the ISO International C++ Standards Committee as national expert.

2020-2023

Senior Applied Fellow (Software for Experiments group, ROOT project), European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva, Switzerland Top achievements:

- o Contributions to RNTuple (the next-generation columnar I/O system for high-energy physics), outperforming HDF5 and Apache Parquet up to a factor of  $2.2\times$ . Specifically:
  - A storage backend for the Intel DAOS object store that provides up to imes 16 improvement over DAOS dfuse compatibility layer
  - A mechanism to allow for incremental updates of the data schema, a unique feature not present in other columnar storage solutions
  - Further improments in order to satisfy the requirements of the ATLAS LHC experiment, e.g. per-field post-read hooks and extensions to the type system. Liaison person for ATLAS I/O requirements.
  - Support for big-endian architectures and partial contributions to the design of zero-copy file merge
- O Notable contributions to the cling LLVM-based C++ interpreter, e.g. supporting entity redefinition and general improvements to the unloading infrastructure
- O Supervision of 5+ interns, mentor for CERN-HSF Google Summer of Code, and user training and support

2017-2020

**Predoctoral Researcher (Computer Architecture and Technology Area)**, University Carlos III of Madrid

Top achievements:

- $\circ$  Contributed a prototype implementation of C++ contract-based programming for clang, demonstrating that contracts may make some libstdc++ functions  $\sim 15\%$  faster
- Teaching Assistant in Real Time Systems, Operating Systems Design, Operating Systems, and Distributed Systems, achieving an average score of 4.23 out of 5 in the teacher evaluation surveys
- July 2018 thesis defense committee member for BSc in Audiovisual System Engineering
- Advisor in 4 theses (BSc in Computer Science and Engineering)

2012-2013

Associate Engineer (devtools), Tuenti Technologies S.L., Madrid

Top achievements:

- Co-authorship of a program to generate test fixtures based on anonymized real-world data, aiding in improving the test coverage
- Developed a utility for automated detection of mismatching application backend-database schema, assessing potential deployment issues
- O Contributed a tool to characterize the development environment

2006-2011

**System Administrator and Software Developer**, *Grupo Microsyscom*, Madrid Top achievements:

- Took the administration of Debian GNU/Linux and FreeBSD, incl. ISC dhcpd, BIND9, Apache httpd, MySQL, and Squid services for 5–10 external customers, ensuring continued service.
- o Implemented a RFB connection hub that relays data between a pair of RealVNC endpoints associated to a session identifier, reducing the time to start controlling a remote desktop by at least  $5\times$
- O Contributed to the automated migration from BIND9 to 4PSA DNS Manager

#### **Education**

2017-2020

**Ph.D. in Computer Science and Technology**, *University Carlos III of Madrid Dissertation*: "Balancing Perfomance and Reliability in Software Components", graduated with honors – Cum laude

2016-2017

**M.Sc. in Computer Science and Technology**, *University Carlos III of Madrid Thesis:* "Automatic Classification of Drivers and Driving Style Using ECU Diagnostic Data"

2006-2011

**B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering**, *University Carlos III of Madrid Thesis*: "fsniff: A software suite for capturing and analyzing application I/O", graded as passing with honors

## ■ | Selected Publications

#### Scientific Journals / Conferences

- A caching mechanism to exploit object store speed in High Energy Physics analysis. Cluster Computing (2022).
- Relaxing the one definition rule in interpreted C++. In Proceedings of the 29th International Conference on Compiler Construction (CC 2020).
- Detecting semantic violations of lock-free data structures through C++ contracts. The Journal of Super-computing volume 76, pages 5057–5078 (2020).
- Exploring stream parallel patterns in distributed MPI environments. Parallel Computing, Volume 84, Issue C, May 2019, pp 24–36.

#### Filed Patents

- o[U.S. Appl. #63/752,505] [co-author] Tamper-Resistant Code Obfuscation With Control Flow Breaking.
- o [U.S. Appl. #19/042,905] [co-author] Lightweight Code Integrity Solution With Byte-Pattern Entanglement In Program Code.